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### New Biotechnology Regulations Maintain Status Quo

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**Report Highlights:**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, President Humala of Peru signed an [Executive Decree N° 006-2016-MINAM](#) with a procedure and plan for surveillance and early detection of genetically engineered organisms, by which Peru's Departments of Agriculture (MINAGRI), Environment (MINAM), and Production will enforce the ten year moratorium on biotechnology. Several days later on July 24, [Executive Decree N° 011-2016-MINAM](#) listed specific commodities restricted under the biotechnology moratorium. These regulations do not change any requirements for producers or importers; it simply operationalizes the biotechnology moratorium and related legislation already in place in Peru. Therefore, FAS Lima anticipates that these regulations will have little practical effect on agriculture or trade.

**General Information:**

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By way of concluding their remaining regulatory obligations, the current administration released these decrees in the final weeks before they turn over authority to the incoming administration's appointees. These regulations do not change any requirements for producers or importers; it simply operationalizes the biotechnology moratorium and related legislation already in place. Therefore, FAS Lima anticipates that these regulations will have little practical effect on agriculture or trade.